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## For Radio Free Europe

# Gen. Norstad Supports the Use of CIA Funds

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Gen. Lauris Norstad, former NATO commander, said in Memphis today he favors CIA support of Radio Free Europe.

Norstad arrived to open the Radio Free Europe campaign in Memphis today he spoke at noon at a kickoff luncheon at Memphis Country Club.

Wire stories have disclosed that the Central Intelligence Agency has given financial support to RFE in the past.

"If the government decides to support an agency of this kind because it is good and it is useful, I'm all for it," Norstad said.

Interviewed at Metro Airport, Norstad emphasized Radio Free Europe is privately organized and privately directed.

"A million Americans contribute to it," he said.

"I'm not an officer, not a director, but I've always supported it as a private individual in a modest way," he said.

Norstad, who in his NATO role commanded the mightiest peace-time coalition of

free nations in world history, was asked if NATO was becoming weaker in view of the pullout from its French headquarters at the behest of Gen. De Gaulle.

NATO is "changing," replied the man who had his finger on the trigger of the free world's nuclear deterrent in Europe for six years.

"The countries making up NATO are agreed there is continuing need for it . . . nothing has happened in a political or military sense in the last four, six or 10 years to give any reason for reducing the strength we've built up in the European area," he said.

Gen. and Mrs. Norstad were met at the Airport by Gen. and Mrs. Everett R. Cook of Memphis, who will be their hosts here. The four have been friends since World War II days when Cook was deputy chief of staff to Gen. Carl Spatz and Norstad was on the planning staff of Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg.

Norstad flew here from New York where he is president of Owens-Corning Fiberglass Co.

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